In addition, the State Government of Rajasthan has taken the following steps:-

(i) Purchase tax exemption on raw material to 100% EOU, which have an investment of more than Rs. 25 crore;

(ii) Entry tax exemption to 100% EOU;

(iii) Public utility status to the units which have exports 50% or more of their production; and

(iv) Exemption from power cut to export oriented units.

Deduction of festival advance from Employees by NTC Mills

1175. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the mills affiliated with the National Textile Corporation Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry Ltd. are deducting the amount given during the Diwali festival at the time of retirement even though the agreement reached with the Labour Unions does not allowed such deduction; and

(b) if so, the remedy contemplated by the Ministry to solve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Payments made as advance at the time of Diwali are paid back by the employees at the time of their cessation from employment with the company. There is no agreement that such deductions are not to be made.

(b) The Government has found that recovery of advances are in accordance with the provisions of Law.